

By working together across party lines at every level of government, in businesses, religious groups, communities, and in our homes, we can make sure that every child in America grows up in a safe and nurturing home. That is a goal every American should be proud to support. That is a gift of love we can make to all of our children, and if you look at the children here today, it's hard to think of anything more important we could be doing to say, Happy Valentine's Day.

Thank you.

[At this point, the President and the First Lady greeted the children, and then the President took questions from reporters.]

American Airlines Labor Dispute

Q. Mr. President, both sides of the American Airlines dispute seem to keep putting the ball into your court. How do you feel about being put into that position? Both sides of the dispute seem to keep putting the ball into your court.

The President. They need to go back to work. They've got a few more hours of work to do.

Q. Let me put it this way: What's the upside and the downside of your acting one way or the other?

The President. I'm going to have a meeting on this later this afternoon to get an update, and then I think I should make myself available for questions after I see where we are in a couple hours.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:51 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 8

In the evening, the President attended a farewell reception for Clinton/Gore '96 fi-

nance chairman Terence McAuliffe at the Hay-Adams Hotel.

February 9

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a performance of "Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992. On the Road: A Search for American Character" at Ford's Theatre.

February 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Annapolis, MD. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

February 11

In an evening ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Baktybek Abdrisaev of the Kyrgyz Republic; K.M. Shehabuddin of Bangladesh; Andrew Nicolaides of Cyprus; Bernardo Vega of the Dominican Republic; Juan Carlos Esguerra of Colombia; Andrew Sharp Peacock of Australia; Napolioni Masirewa of Fiji; Rex Stephen Horoi of the Solomon Islands; and Madame Akosita Fineanganofa of Tonga.

The President announced his intention to appoint Richard R. Parizek to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

The White House announced that the President, while on a working visit to Capitol Hill, had a telephone conversation with Senator Richard C. Shelby concerning the nomination of Anthony Lake to be Director of Central Intelligence.

February 12

The President announced that he appointed Harold Ickes to serve as director of the 1997 summit of the world's major industrialized nations, which will take place in Denver, CO, June 20-22.

The President announced his intention to designate Ken Kennedy as Co-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet. He also announced his intention to appoint persons as members: Eric A. Benhamou, Vinton Cerf, Ching-Chih Chen, David Cooper, Steven D. Dorfman, Robert Ewald, David J. Farber, Sherrilynne S. Fuller, Hector Garcia-Molina, Susan Graham, James N. Gray, W. Daniel Hillis, David C. Nagel, Raj Reddy, Edward H. Shortliffe,

Larry Smarr, Leslie Vadasz, Andrew J. Viterbi, and Steven J. Wallach.

The President announced that he has given White House Director for Legislative Affairs John Hilley an expanded role as both Senior Advisor to the President and Director for Legislative Affairs.

February 14

In the afternoon, the President participated in a swearing-in ceremony in the Oval Office for Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart E. Eizenstat to become Under Secretary of State for Economics, Business, and Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Pickering to become Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

The President named Eric P. Goosby as Acting Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gus Weill as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 11

Tracey D. Conwell,
of Texas, to be a member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001, vice Fay S. Howell, term expired.

Joaquin L.G. Salas,
of Guam, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently U.S. Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of 4 years, vice Jose R. Mariano.

Patricia A. Broderick,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Harriett Rosen Taylor, term expired.

Mary Ann Gooden Terrell,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Richard Stephen Salzman, term expired.

Submitted February 12

Alan S. Gold,
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, vice Jose A. Gonzales, Jr., retired.

Anthony W. Ishii,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of California, vice Robert E. Coyle, retired.

Lynne Lasry,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of California, vice John S. Rhodes, Sr., retired.

Ivan L.R. Lemelle,
of Louisiana, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, vice Veronica D. Wicker, deceased.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 7¹

Transcript of remarks by the First Lady at the Education Awards ceremony

¹ This item was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.